

Maritime Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 7:00pm

Pip Moyer Recreation Center, Room #3

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Tarry Lomax, **Chair**
Chris Buchheister
Duncan Hood

Debbie Gosselin
Russell Outtrim
William Woodward

Scott Allan
Andrew Fegley
Rick Franke

Members Absent:

Jim Coleman

Staff Present:

Flip Walters

Frank Biba

Tami Hook, Recorder

Guest Present:

Marcellus Butler, Owner of Butler Marina

Chair Lomax called the meeting to order at 7:09pm in Pip Moyer Recreation Center, Conference Room 3.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

A. January 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Woodward moved to approve the January 18, 2011 meeting as amended. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0. Mr. Woodward commended Ms. Hook on a well written set of minutes.

B. Year-end Summary

The agenda item was deferred to the March 15, 2011 meeting.

C. Committee Assignments

The agenda item was deferred to the March 15, 2011 meeting.

D. City Dock Advisory Committee

Ms. Gosselin reported that there were stakeholders who presented at the last meeting of the City Dock Advisory Committee. She noted that Planning and Zoning staff has divided out the stakeholders presentations into themes and Arts and Culture as well as Business was on the agenda at the last meeting. The Committee is still in the information gathering stage. She gave a briefing on how her business uses City Dock. The theme from the businesses was parking and more parking. She noted however another issue raised was that events occurring at City Dock are not helpful to the businesses because it displaces the regular customer.

There is a new triathlon scheduled for May 15, 2011 for the downtown area. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2011. The Committee is expected to submit its recommendation to the Council within a year of its inception.

E. Fawcett's Property Recap

Mr. Lomax noted that this project is scheduled for the Planning Commission's March 3, 2011 agenda. He shared some points of interest raised by Mr. Delavan who provided a copy of the zoning map of the City of Annapolis dated August 10, 1970. He noted that in 1970 the maritime zoning did not encompass the Fawcett's property so historically it was not considered a maritime property. The second point of interest is the property is shown as commercial on the 2009 Comprehensive Plan generalized land use map. The third point of interest is the ULI Study recommends Fawcett as a hotel with commercial/retail uses. There was a general discussion regarding concerns/issues with the ordinance as currently written.

Mr. Allan moved to oppose the ordinance as written. Mr. Buchheister seconded the motion. The motion passed in a vote of 7-2.

Mr. Woodward moved that the Board recognizes the need for a comprehensive review and more formal recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Gosslein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Boards and Commissions Workshop

Mr. Outtrim agreed to attend the February 24, 2011 Boards and Commission workshop as the Board's representative and report back at the March meeting.

B. Ordinance O-01-11: Harbor Line Amendment Butler Marina (Back Creek)

Mr. Lomax introduced Mr. Butler who was asked to speak on Ordinance O-011 established to amend the harbor line.

Mr. Butler purchased the property in 1999 and believes that the harbor line has been in its current location since the early 1980s. He explained that the pier has been in its current location and condition for approximately 30 years. He entailed the proposal to relocate the existing harbor line to address some sediment erosion and repairs to the pier. He intends to do some dredging in the back of this property but is unable to do so until this harbor line issue is resolved so that permits can be obtained. Mr. Biba added that the harbor line was drawn in on the 1978 base map and did not pick up everything. He noted that the aerials for this property are dated back to 1983. The Council required that the proposal be reviewed by the Environmental Matters, Port Wardens and Maritime Advisory Board prior to approval.

Mr. Woodward moved to approve the Ordinance #O-01-11 as presented. Ms. Gosselin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0. Mr. Lomax will prepare a letter of support to the Office of Law.

C. Charter Amendment No. CA-2-11

Mr. Lomax reported that this ordinance was established to create a special tax district and was introduced at the City Council hearing. The ordinance has been referred to the Rules and City Government Committee and the Maritime Advisory Board for review. He noted that the new item added to the charter was that properties located within the maritime districts and that are used exclusively for maritime purposes will qualify for a special tax credit exemption. The ordinance will establish a mechanism for reduction of the special tax rate for maritime but a special tax district has to be established first before an exemption can be applied.

III. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2011. With there being no further business, Mr. Buchheister moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm. Mr. Franke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder